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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen of Shirley

TOGETHER WITH A

**Report of the Treasurer, Assessors, Overseers of the
Poor, Fire Department, Trustees of the Public
Library, Auditors, Items from the Town
Clerk's Book, and Town Warrant,**

ALSO, THE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

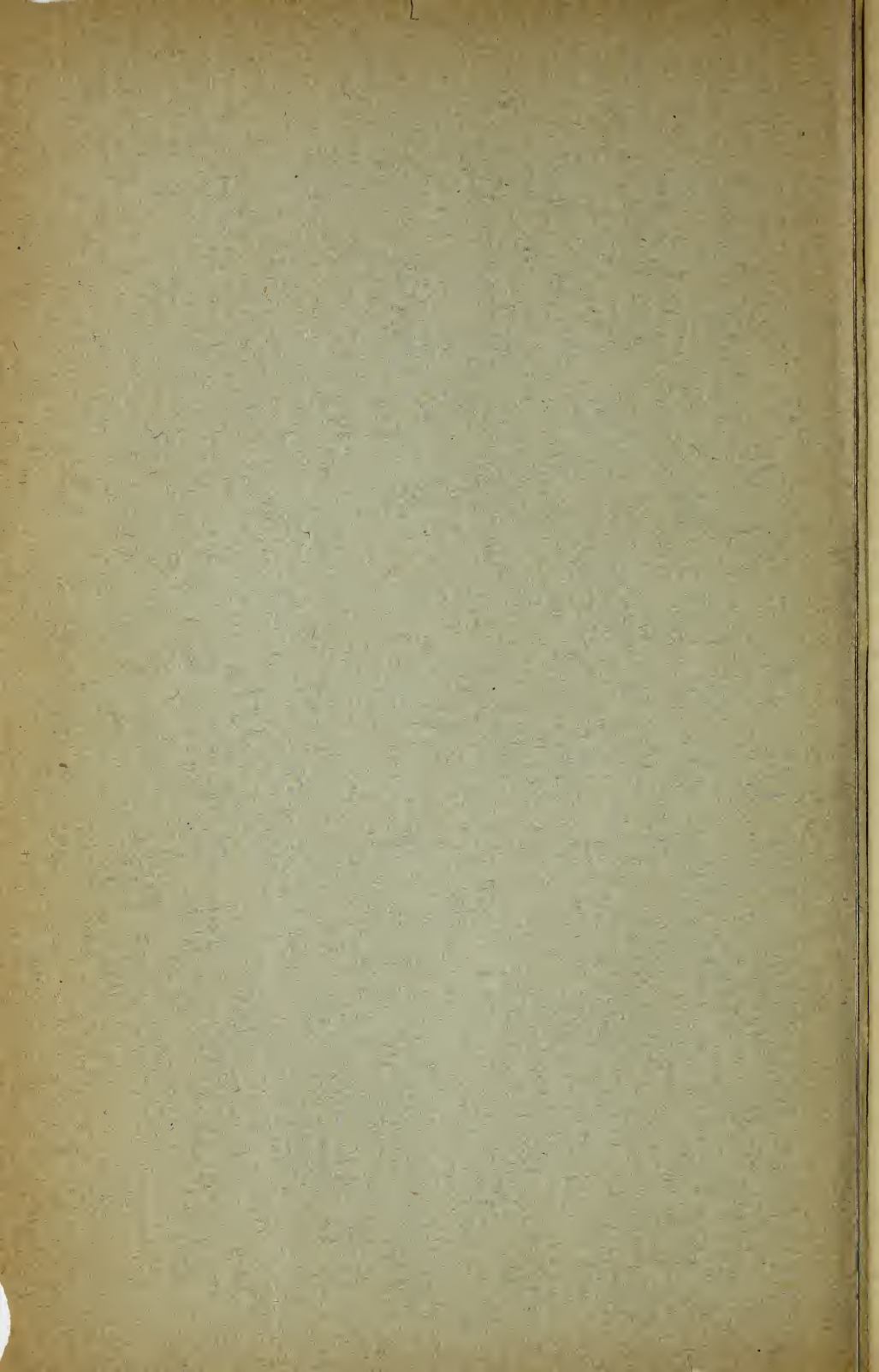


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ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

SHIRLEY, MASS., March 1, 1900.

To the Voters of the Town of Shirley:

GENTLEMEN: The Selectmen hereby submit the following report of their work for the year ending March 1, 1900:

Summary of Expenditures.

Poor	\$2521 12
Schools	4590 22
Highways	1170 92
Bridges and railings	454 34
Snow	205 60
Memorial Day	25 00
Interest	749 90
State aid	687 50
Soldiers' relief	100 29
Cemetery trust	34 60
Town cemetery	42 07
Library	288 61
Transportation of books	25 00
Fire Department	479 01
Salaries	555 50
Incidentals	994 06
Cattle inspection	67 51
Street lights	578 44
Insurance	186 70
Repairs to buildings	84 87

Revolutionary Soldiers' Memorial	\$76 00
Enforcement of law	649 40
Board of health	234 47
State tax	435 00
County tax	786 02
Temporary loans	7000 00
	<hr/> \$23,022 15

Estimates for Year 1900-1901.

Schools	\$2800 00
School supplies	200 00
Transportation	350 00
Tuition	200 00
Repairs	50 00
Fuel	200 00
Superintendent	200 00
	<hr/> \$4,000 00
Highways	\$1500 00
Bridges and railings	200 00
Poor	2000 00
Fire Department	300 00
Interest	800 00
Library	300 00
Cemeteries	50 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Street lights	400 00
Enforcement of law	500 00
Salaries	500 00
Incidentals	800 00
Snow	300 00
Notes payable	1000 00
	<hr/> \$8,675 00
	<hr/> \$12,675 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Indebtedness.

First National Bank of Ayer	\$3000 00	
Parker School Fund	2657 57	
Israel Longley School Fund	1000 00	
North Middlesex Savings Bank	6400 00	
Universalist Society Note	1000 00	
Outstanding orders	942 52	
	<hr/>	\$15,000 09

Assets.

Cash balance	\$210 52	
Due from Collector, 1898	244 97	
Due from Collector, 1899	1484 00	
Due from State fees for cattle inspection	49 72	
Due from State for State aid	795 50	
Due from State for State tax corporation	234 00	
Due from State share for Superintendent of Schools	238 80	
Due from State for poor	1005 36	
Due from towns for poor	522 18	
Interest, Trust Funds	247 82	
Due from A. Farcier, for aid to wife	150 46	
	<hr/>	\$5183 33
Net debt		<hr/> \$9816 76

Decrease from last year, \$1429.09.

TRUST FUNDS.

Deposited with the International Trust Co.

Israel Longley School Fund	\$6000 00	
Israel Longley Cemetery Fund	500 00	
Jerome Gardner Cemetery Fund	500 00	
John Henry Cemetery Fund	500 00	
Parker School Fund	5040 57	
	<hr/>	\$12,540 57

In Hands of Town Treasurer.

Geo. Rice Cemetery Fund	\$100 00	
Nathaniel Day Cemetery Fund	200 00	
Geo. Chandler Cemetery Fund	100 00	
Sally Page Fund	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 00

D. CHESTER PARSONS,
JOHN W. FARRAR,
JACOB P. HAZEN,

SELECTMEN OF SHIRLEY.

POOR.

Appropriation	\$2000 00	
Received from towns	295 05	
Received from state	283 43	
	<hr/>	\$2578 48
Due from state	\$1005 36	
Due from towns	522 18	
Due from individuals	150 46	
	<hr/>	\$1678 00
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		\$4256 48
Cost of town poor	\$1586 15	
Cost of state poor	497 58	
Cost of poor settlements elsewhere	437 39	
	<hr/>	\$2521 12

Aid to Mrs. Geo. H. Andrews.

Mrs. Lillie West	\$208 00	
J. W. Farrar	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$212 50

Aid to Levi Blood.

Mrs. Lillie West	\$130 00	
J. W. Farrar	2 30	
C. J. Pierce, M. D.	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$148 80

Aid to Michael H. Bronson.

Thaddeus Balcom	\$64 29	
John W. Farrar	7 73	
	<hr/>	\$72 02

Aid to Charles E. Wheeler.

Worcester Lunatic Asylum	\$222 17
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Aid to Fred Wheeler.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital		\$84 50
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Aid to Thomas K. Fiske.

Danvers Insane Hospital	\$207 79	
D. C. Parsons, expenses	7 40	
	<hr/>	\$215 19

Aid to Agnes Smith.

C. J. Pierce, M. D.	\$1 50	
D. C. Parsons, expenses	38 30	
	<hr/>	\$39 80

Aid to Susan Boucher.

C. J. Pierce, M. D.		\$102 00
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Aid to Moses Hunt.

Conant Bros. & Co.	\$ 87	
H. O. Peasley	21 49	
	<hr/>	\$22 36

Aid to Mrs. Tagin.

Ann Sullivan		\$196 40
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Aid to Mrs. A. W. Butler.

H. O. Peasley	\$1 38	
Conant Bros. & Co.	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$2 93

Aid to Michael McGuinness.

City of Fitchburg	\$51 39	
D. C. Parsons	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$55 89

Aid to Armenia Farcier.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital (1895)		\$38 51
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Aid to Mrs. Burno.

E. F. Harvey	\$52 00	
C. J. Pierce, M. D.	5 00	
L. Boucher	48 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	5 75	
J. Pennisseau	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$124 75

Aid to Mary Bruso.

Conant Bros. & Co.	\$6 00
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Miscellaneous Aid.

S. B. Scott, tramps	\$25 36	
J. C. Hazen, tramps	75	
D. C. Parsons, Carrol case	4 20	
Fitchburg R. R., fares : Smith, \$2.20 ;		
Moore, \$1.30 ; Wilson, \$2.82 ;		
Fowler, \$4.00	10 32	
D. C. Parsons, Brooks Insane	4 11	
S. Hobbs, supplies	4 00	
D. C. Parsons, pauper blanks	4 00	
Mrs. Butler	7 50	
D. C. Parsons, expense pauper cases	2 74	
H. O. Peasley, aid to tramps	55	
	<hr/>	\$66 53
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		\$1607 35

STATE POOR.

Aid to Triflet Devarney.

D. C. Parsons	\$14 65
A. F. Fernald, M. D.	84 30
J. P. Hazen	2 40
G. M. Ballou	3 50

J. F. Brown	\$7 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	15 35	
H. O. Peasley	77 00	
Codman & Shurtleff	5 00	
H. A. Esterbrook	3 75	
O. M. Bennett	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$215 45

Aid to Mary Cotex.

A. F. Fernald, M. D.	\$18 00
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Aid to George Devarney.

A. F. Fernald, M. D.	\$10 00
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Aid to Peter Quenty.

B. J. Peirce, M. D.	\$30 00
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Aid to B. Simmonds.

C. J. Peirce, M. D.	\$22 00	
J. P. Hazen	7 50	
D. C. Parsons	2 30	
	<hr/>	\$31 80

Aid to Maxime St. Cyr.

T. Lambert	\$9 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	30 22	
A. F. Fernald	44 85	
D. C. Parsons	18 80	
W. H. Cram	50	
Fitchburg R. R., fares and freight	6 50	
H. C. Owens	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$194 87

Aid to E. F. Flanders.

G. H. Hill	\$4 78
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Aid to Joseph Cormier.

A. F. Fernald, M. D.	\$25 00	
J. P. Hazen	4 20	
H. O. Peasley	21 49	
	<hr/>	\$50 69

Aid to William Bulger.

H. O. Peasley	\$10 79	
	<hr/>	\$476 38

SETTLEMENTS ELSEWHERE.

Aid to Mrs. Louis Baker.

H. O. Peasley	\$3 52	
Harding James	3 30	
Conant Bros. & Co.	6 00	
A. F. Fernald, M. D.	18 00	
W. H. Brown	1 50	
D. C. Parsons	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 32

Aid to Mrs. Benjamin Nutting.

A. F. Fernald, M. D.	\$22 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	10 90	
H. O. Peasley	7 20	
Mary A. Hume	16 00	
W. N. Cowles, M. D.	8 00	
Mary E. Butler	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$84 10

Aid to T. Casey.

T. L. Hazen	\$3 50
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Aid to Mamie Scott.

Mrs. McGuinness	\$62 00	
A. F. Fernald, M. D.	22 80	
Mrs. M. E. Hume	16 00	
H. O. Peasley	3 50	
D. C. Parsons	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$121 30

Aid to Rodney Peabody

J. P. Hazen	\$1 40	
Conant Bros. & Co.	9 35	
Mrs. Hibbard	5 80	
A. F. Fernald, M. D.	11 00	
Mrs. G. F. Lewis	22 25	
Wm. H. Brown	8 05	
	<hr/>	\$57 85

Aid to Mrs. Hibbard.

A. F. Fernald, M. D.	\$24 00	
Cash for rent paid to Mrs. Hibbard	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$31 50

Aid to Mrs. Robert Reed.

H. O. Peasley	\$22 17	
A. F. Fernald, M. D.	87 25	
Conant Bros. & Co.	20	
Weeks & Potter	2 50	
D. C. Parsons	6 70	
	<hr/>	\$118 82
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		\$437 39

STATE AID.

Jeremiah Flynn	\$48 00	
Mary Gately	48 00	
Mary A. Howard	48 00	
Julia O'Keefe	48 00	
Ann M. Lawrence	48 00	
George F. Lewis	72 00	
Wm. R. McClellan	48 50	
Johanna O'Neill	48 00	
Lydia Ramsdell	48 00	
Joel C. Neat	48 00	
Charles F. Smith	48 00	
Daniel Finnegan	52 00	
Henry T. Balcom	48 00	
Henry B. Richardson	12 00	
William H. Dodge	23 00	
	<hr/>	\$687 50
Amount repaid by State	\$687 50	

SOLDIERS' AID.

Mrs. Gleason	\$65 00	
G. F. Lewis	35 29	
	<hr/>	\$100 29

INTEREST.

International Trust Co.	\$159 94	
Universalist Society	50 00	
North Middlesex Savings Bank	288 00	
First National Bank of Ayer	251 96	
	<hr/>	\$749 90

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., hose	\$82 39
Shirley Engine Co.	217 00
Mrs. M. E. Butler, refreshments	7 00
C. R. White, engineer	10 00
S. Young, steward	25 00
C. H. Miner, engineer 1897	7 00
A. S. Thayer, engineer	10 00
A. S. Thayer, carting, etc., hose	1 75
Thomas Shea, watching fire	1 80
E. Gately, watching fire	1 80
W. McCool, watching fire	1 80
S. W. Longley, extinguishers	45 00
W. J. Walsh, services	2 00
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies	2 75
C. E. Kidder, repairs to engine	1 15
H. O. Peasley, supplies	8 82
J. W. Farrar, supplies	75
Brush fire	36 50
Dennis O'Neill	10 00
Conant Bros. & Co.	50
C. R. White, sundries	6 00
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	\$479 01

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS.

R. M. Priest, painting engine house	\$54 42
C. H. Balcom, repairs to engine house	2 00
Wm. H. Brown, repairs to engine house	6 75
G. M. Ballou, repairs to engine house	8 70
C. H. Miner, repairs to lockup	3 00
D. C. Parsons	10 00
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	\$84 87

HIGHWAYS.

W. H. Hewes, agent	\$2 57
A. L. Parker	7 20
H. P. Barnard	104 80
C. A. Longley	272 20
G. C. West	105 68
J. W. Farrar	18 08
S. B. Scott	6 20
E. Sargent	90 48
G. Holden	188 75
G. W. Davis	66 00
F. P. Cote	3 28
Mass. Broken Stone Co.	78 19
W. Sawtell	4 40
G. M. Ballou	27 09
R. Fletcher	6 88
C. H. Miner	1 50
Julia Hazen, gravel	10 32
M. W. Longley	5 50
W. B. Wilson	5 60
Indiana Road Machine Co.	8 00
N. A. Holden	16 96
G. S. Wells	21 00
M. Keating	80
W. H. Cram, gravel	2 50
T. L. Hazen, freshet	11 62
C. A. Longley "	16 60
Hugh Mitchell "	3 65
W. R. Neat "	5 28
E. J. Stevens "	9 28
G. C. West "	2 56
M. W. Longley "	7 85
W. B. Wilson "	6 24
J. E. O'Donnell "	5 92
H. G. Holden "	1 94

G. Holden, freshet	\$15 60	
E. L. White "	25 68	
J. W. Farrar, supplies	2 25	
D. C. Parsons	2 30	
	<hr/>	\$1170 92

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Geo. Holden	\$4 00	
C. A. Longley	87 04	
G. C. West	32 72	
F. B. Cote	40	
H. P. Barnard	32 00	
E. Sargent	31 20	
J. W. Farrar	3 62	
A. H. Thompson	4 01	
Bixby Bros.	36	
C. H. Scott	4 50	
W. Sawtell	3 20	
G. M. Ballou	102 42	
E. L. White	148 87	
	<hr/>	\$454 34

MEMORIAL TO REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

M. W. Longley	\$1 00	
R. E. Reading, moving boulder	75 00	
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MEMORIAL DAY.

John W. Farrar	\$4 00	
Henry C. Sherwin, Quartermaster	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

SNOW, 1898-1899.

G. W. Davis	\$20 65	
G. Dobson	3 60	
W. F. Hewes, agent	23 00	
J. E. O'Donnell	1 00	
F. B. Cote	2 80	
T. J. Gately	1 40	
H. E. Barnard	1 52	
C. A. Longley	3 40	
J. E. Miller	2 00	
G. L. Fairbanks	21 90	
E. J. Stevens	3 30	
Willie Sawtell	1 00	
A. Adams	60	
J. W. Evans	90	
J. E. Spaulding	3 00	
Sundry persons	32 80	
E. W. Mellish	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$125 87

SNOW, 1900.

A. B. Cram	\$22 43	
A. L. Parker	13 80	
T. L. Hazen	20 06	
W. F. Hewes, agent	5 80	
John Neat	1 00	
C. A. Longley	5 00	
Hugh Mitchell	2 00	
C. H. Andrews	2 00	
E. J. Stevens	2 00	
J. E. O'Donnell	1 84	
G. Holden	3 80	
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	\$79 73	\$205 60

SALARIES.

W. J. Walsh, Registrar	\$8 00	
L. J. Farnsworth, Registrar	6 00	
D. C. Parsons, Assessor	60 00	
J. P. Hazen, Assessor	35 00	
J. W. Farrar, Assessor	25 00	
A. N. Somers, School Committee	12 50	
Henry Edgerton, School Committee	35 00	
W. H. Wilbur, School Committee	50 00	
M. M. Nickless, School Committee	10 00	
H. S. Hazen, Registrar	8 00	
D. C. Parsons, Selectman	85 00	
J. W. Farrar, Selectman	50 00	
J. P. Hazen, Selectman	75 00	
Henry Edgerton, Treasurer	65 00	
Jonas Longley, Town Clerk	20 00	
Jonas Longley, Registrar	8 00	
J. E. L. Hazen, Auditor	3 00	
		\$555 50

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

J. H. Logue, officer	\$424 65	
H. Parker, legal services	75 00	
W. H. Cram, teams	6 75	
W. H. Atwood, legal services	60 00	
H. E. Lawrence, officer	32 75	
T. B. Spalter, copies	2 50	
E. A. Whitney, teams	5 00	
D. C. Parsons, cash disbursements, etc.	42 75	
		\$649 40

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

S. B. Scott	\$67 51
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STREET LIGHTS.

H. C. Owens, lighting and care	\$67 18	
J. W. Farrar, supplies	14 78	
Ray Meader	1 06	
G. M. Ballou, post	1 00	
T. J. Gately, lighting and care	362 48	
W. H. Brown, supplies	17 98	
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies	7 28	
C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co.	1 50	
D. C. Parsons	3 75	
W. E. Barnard, care	1 50	
M. Shea, lamp and post	3 00	
H. O. Peasley, oil	93 18	
Boston Lamp Co.	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$578 44

TOWN CEMETERY.

Income from Day, Rice and Chandler Funds	\$72 79	
One-half amount of Cemetery appro- priation	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 79

EXPENDITURES.

G. C. West	\$2 40	
H. P. Barnard	2 88	
M. W. Longley	12 12	
A. B. Cook, surveying	4 00	
H. S. Hazen	5 72	
Geo. Holden	8 00	
C. A. Longley	5 60	
Rufus Fletcher	80	
J. W. Farrar	55	
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		\$55 72

BOARD OF HEALTH.

H. K. Mulford Co., Formaldehyde re- generator	\$27 25	
J. P. Hazen, services and expenses	25 00	
Weeks & Potter, Formaldehyde, etc.	53 01	
A. F. Fernald, M. D., fumigation	53 50	
H. A. Esterbrook, supplies	6 20	
D. C. Parsons, services and expenses	25 00	
H. C. Owens, services	40 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	1 51	
W. Wilbur, express, etc.	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$234 47

INSURANCE.

J. P. Hazen	\$100 30	
S. W. Longley	86 40	
	<hr/>	\$186 70

CEMETERY TRUST.

Income Gardner Fund	\$19 00	
Income Henry Fund	19 00	
Income Longley Fund	19 00	
Half Cemetery Appropriation	25 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Brown	\$15 65	
C. Logue	8 55	
C. A. Longley	10 40	
	<hr/>	\$34 60
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$47 40

INCIDENTALS.

H. F. Green, election officer	\$3 00
J. A. Hume, election officer	6 00
T. F. Gately, election officer	3 00
H. P. Barnard, election officer	3 00
J. H. Logue, election officer	3 00
T. L. Hazen, election officer	3 00
T. J. Gately, election officer	3 00
W. J. Baker, election officer	3 00
L. J. Farnsworth, election officer	3 00
E. H. Livermore, election officer	3 00
J. Bulger, election officer	3 00
W. M. Sargent, supplies	17 97
Dennison Tag Co., supplies	14 30
A. L. Parker, teams	6 00
H. S. Turner, printing town reports and ballots	99 00
W. M. Park, dog warrant 1898, etc.	11 00
W. H. Cram, teams	3 00
E. A. Bustead	23 08
D. C. Parsons, expenses sending town reports, etc.	11 60
C. C. Hoffman & Co., town seal	25 00
Adams, Cushing & Foster, supplies	15 00
National Express	4 95
W. M. Park, officer's fees	8 34
S. Sandlin, officer's fees	2 62
H. E. Lawrence, officer's fees	48 20
J. H. Meegan, services	8 00
J. H. Gould, services	10 00
J. W. Farrar, supplies	19 70
C. J. Peirce, M. D., returning births	4 00
S. B. Scott	1 25
J. F. Brown, services as sexton	32 75
A. F. Brownell, assessors' blanks	2 25

Graves & Green, town seal cut	\$6 50
J. H. Logue, officer's fees	40 20
Thomas Manning, officer's fees	6 32
R. W. Savage, watering trough	3 00
W. J. Walsh, officer's fees, etc.	14 84
Greenough & Adams, supplies	12 75
T. C. Hurd, copies	14 30
W. H. Wilbur, oil, express, etc.	4 23
S. Hobb & Co., supplies	12 15
H. S. Turner, printing	27 65
W. M. Sargent, printing	8 63
W. H. Crossman, police service	2 00
D. C. Parsons, expense to Worcester three times	10 06
F. Bodah, assisting surveyor	3 75
George Pernnisseau, services	1 00
A. S. Thayer, services	6 00
A. F. Fletcher, surveying	10 00
T. J. Gately, watching at engine house	3 00
F. B. Harvey, services	5 00
F. P. Rugg, services	4 00
W. H. Wilbur, express, etc.	8 77
J. P. Hazen, supplies	3 57
D. C. Parsons, preparing copy for val- uation list, etc.	18 50
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies	9 50
H. S. Turner, valuation list, etc.	58 75
C. H. Fisher, refreshments for County Commissioners	7 50
H. S. Hazen, election officer	6 00
Freeman Hopkins, officer's fees	1 85
W. H. Atwood, legal services	50 00
J. P. Hazen, perambulating Lunen- burg line	2 00
Stamps, etc.	3 25
H. E. Lawrence, dog warrant 1899	5 00

Watering trough	\$3 00
H. S. Turner, printing	16 25
D. C. Parsons, Whitaker matter, etc.	21 90
Warren & Co., supplies	16 00
C. A. Ford, election officer	3 00
Henry Shaw, books	4 00
M. F. Day, election officer	3 00
H. C. Sherwin, officer's fees	7 90
A. B. Cram	3 25
E. J. Stevens, election officer	3 00
S. B. Scott, supplies	2 43
O. M. Bennett, wood	1 00
A. Duby, services	2 00
H. S. Turner, printing	7 00
E. O. Childs, recording deeds	1 54
F. H. Jenkins, services	4 60
W. H. Cram, teams	11 72
Henry Edgarton, expense to Ayer and postage	5 05
A. F. Fernald, M. D., reporting births	6 25
S. Sandlin, services	20 90
A. A. Cook, watering trough, 1898-1899	6 00
M. W. Longley, election officer	2 00
Lovell Arms Co., supplies	9 00
T. C. Hurd	6 00
Jonas Longley, recording births	21 50
Jonas Longley, recording marriages and deaths	10 00
Jonas Longley, express, etc.	4 34
D. C. Parsons, perambulating Lunen- burg line	2 00
E. L. White, watering trough	5 00
J. E. L. Hazen, election officer and oaths	3 75
J. H. Turner, publishing notices, etc.	6 60
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	\$994 06

LIBRARY.

W. H. Crossman, janitor	\$64 00	
Edith L. Conant, librarian	3 00	
Estelle E. Ely, librarian	49 00	
N. E. Magazine, magazine	3 00	
C. E. Lauriat Co., books	111 66	
Cummings & Remington, repairing books	11 95	
Conant Bros. & Co., fuel, etc.	32 00	
H. S. Turner, printing	4 00	
J. E. L. Hazen, magazines	10 00	
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TRANSPORTATION OF LIBRARY
BOOKS.

J. C. Ayers	\$25 00
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GUIDE POSTS.

In accordance with the requirements of the law we submit the following report :

Guide posts have been maintained within the limits of the town, in compliance with Chapter 54 of the Public Statutes and Acts of Amendments thereof.

D. CHESTER PARSONS,
JOHN W. FARRAR,
JACOB P. HAZEN,

SELECTMEN.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

We, the Assessors of Shirley, herewith submit our report :

State tax	\$435 00
County tax.	786 02
Town appropriations	10,100 00
Overlayings	328 20
	————— \$11,649 22

Number of polls assessed, 410.

For poll tax only, 229.

Total personal estate assessed	\$141,673 00
Total real estate	623,940 00
	————— \$765,513 00

Tax on personal estate	\$2,024 30
Tax on real estate	8,804 92
Tax on polls	820 00
	————— \$11,649 22

Rate \$14.30 per \$1,000.

Number of horses	227
Number of cows	280
Number of sheep	13
Number of neat cattle	124
Number of swine	21
Number of dwelling-houses	324
Number of acres of land	9305½
Number of fowls	22030

JACOB P. HAZEN,
D. CHESTER PARSONS,
JOHN W. FARRAR,

ASSESSORS OF SHIRLEY.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

SHIRLEY, March 1, 1900.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Shirley:

Gentlemen:

The Board of Engineers herewith respectfully submit their annual report.

But one fire has occurred during the past year. The barn of Chas. E. Dodge was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. No alarm was given as building was destroyed before notice was received.

The compliment of men in the company is nearly full, and the apparatus in good condition.

A. S. THAYER,
C. R. WHITE,
DENNIS O'NEILL,
BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1900 :

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of books in circulation March 1, 1900	2,502
Number of books in reference room March 1, 1900	396
Number of days Library was open	52
Number of persons taking books	253
Number of books taken	3,578

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Appropriation		\$250 00
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EXPENDITURES.

W. H. Crossman, janitor	\$64 00	
C. E. Lauriat Co., books	111 66	
N. E. Magazine	3 00	
Librarian	52 00	
Binding magazines	11 95	
Conant Bros., fuel	20 78	
Magazine subscriptions	11 22	
H. S. Turner, printing	4 00	
J. E. L. Hazen, magazines	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$288 61

FINE RECEIPTS.

Balance of fines unexpended, 1899	\$3 21	
Received from fines	17 08	
Received from Bolton fund	3 48	
	<hr/>	\$23 77

EXPENDITURES.

C. E. Lauriat Co.	\$16 09	
Magazines	3 10	
Cleaning	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$21 94

Balance unexpended	\$1 83
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It is felt that we should be better able to accomplish a good work were we to have a larger appropriation; and it is earnestly hoped that the town shall appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

BY M. J. HAZEN, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

Tax for 1896.

Balance due town		\$28 26
Amount paid to town	\$28 26	

Tax for 1898.

Tax warrant	\$11,602 17	
After tax	47 00	
Interest	14 95	
	<hr/>	\$11,664 12

Payments	\$10,882 43	
Abatements	146 11	
Discounts	273 97	
Commission	116 64	
	<hr/>	\$11,419 15

Balance due town		\$244 97
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Tax for 1899.

Tax warrant	\$11,649 22	
After tax	57 20	
	<hr/>	\$11,706 42
Payments		10,222 42

Balance due town		\$1,484 00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

O. W. Balcom, real estate	\$2 90
G. H. Spead, out of town	2 00
James Bulger, in Vermont	2 36
M. W. Carey, exempt	2 00
B. S. Clark, in Rhode Island	2 00
O. B. Cutler, in Spanish war	2 00

E. Fennessey, in East Hampton	\$2 00
W. B. Gately, in Spanish war	2 00
A. S. Griffin, left town	2 00
Fannie Hersom, error real estate	10 15
Orville Le Page, 19 years old	2 00
C. A. Longley, real estate	11 60
W. A. Ladd, physical disabilities	2 29
G. W. Moulton, left town	2 00
H. B. Moorehouse, in Rhode Island	2 00
Thomas McCool, 19 years old	2 00
A. C. Nickerson, paid in Fitchburg	2 00
A. L. Noe, personal property	1 17
G. O'Donnell, taxed in Boston	2 00
L. J. Pappineau, taxed in Pepperell	2 00
Dolor Quenty, 19 years old	2 00
Chas. Stone, error in name	2 00
Charles L. Blodgett, error	2 00
A. A. Warner	2 00
G. L. Westgate, paid in Melrose	2 00
J. A. Westgate, paid in Melrose	2 00
W. Wolff, 19 years old	2 00
Frank Gregory	2 00
James Young, real estate	29 00
Estate E. H. Sampson, real eatate	2 90
Peter Tarbell, real estate	4 35
Elizabeth J. Moran, real estate	1 45
G. S. Lewis, exempt	23 03
Jeremiah Mushrael, error	2 17
Harriet Shearer	4 35
Malcom Simpson, taxed in Clinton	2 00
P. W. McKaye	2 39
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	\$146 11

I hereby certify that the above list and the reasons are correct.

SAMUEL B. SCOTT,

SHIRLEY, MASS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

SHIRLEY, March 1, 1900.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day.

D. CHESTER PARSONS,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

JACOB P. HAZEN,

D. CHESTER PARSONS,

JOHN W. FARRAR,

ASSESSORS OF SHIRLEY.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1900-1901.

The following list of Jurors has been prepared by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the Town at the Annual Meeting to be held March 19, 1900:

Robertus F. Colburn, retired.
 Almond M. Holden, farmer.
 Savillion W. Longley, insurance agent.
 John E. L. Hazen, clerk.
 Melvin W. Longley, farmer.
 Herman S. Hazen, retired.
 John E. Gardner, farmer.
 Augustus B. Cram, farmer.
 Thomas L. Hazen, farmer.
 James F. Brown, undertaker.
 Wm. A. L. Crockett, cooper.
 Walter E. Mellish, blacksmith.
 Edward J. Stevens, farmer.
 Jacob P. Hazen, farmer.
 John W. Farrar, storekeeper.
 Gilbert M. Ballou, lumber dealer.
 Alphonso B. Sparrow, real estate.
 William Jubb, farmer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF SHIRLEY *in account with* H. EDGARTON, Treas.

1899.

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 1.	Cash on hand	\$323 44
Mar. 7.	Cash of J. W. Farrar, use of Town Hall	22 50
Mar. 11.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, corpora- tion tax	459 19
Mar. 29.	Cash of S. B. Scott	129 14
Apr. 6.	Cash of Morris Miller, li- cense	6 00
Apr. 6.	Cash of Francis Adolday	6 00
Apr. 6.	Cash of woman, license	6 00
Apr. 6.	Cash of Ayer Bank, town note	1000 00
Apr. 18.	Cash of Ayer Bank, town note	1000 00
Apr. 29.	Cash of S. B. Scott	85 00
May 5.	Cash of Julius Miller, li- cense	6 00
May 5.	Cash of G. W. Sanderson, court fees	1 04
May 10.	Cash of town of Leomin- ster, poor	10 75
May 10.	Cash of G. S. Wells, license	1 00
May 25.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, poor	31 50
June 2.	Cash of S. B. Scott	27 57
June 2.	Cash of Ayer Bank, town note	1500 00
June 16.	Cash of S. B. Scott	74 92
June 24.	Cash of Ayer Bank, town note	1500 00

July 1.	Cash of International Trust Co., trust funds	\$242 32
July 1.	Cash of G. W. Sanderson	5 90
July 25.	Cash of S. B. Scott	553 03
July 25.	Cash of S. B. Scott	28 26
Aug. 1.	Cash of S. B. Scott	206 31
Aug. 10.	Cash of S. B. Scott	290 75
Aug. 14.	Cash of S. B. Scott	127 78
Aug. 24.	Cash of S. B. Scott	165 00
Aug. 29.	Cash of S. B. Scott	101 30
Aug. 29.	Cash of S. B. Scott	85 00
Sep. 4.	Cash of G. W. Sanderson	1 06
Sep. 13.	Cash of S. B. Scott	187 16
Sep. 26.	Cash of S. B. Scott	368 40
Oct. 4.	Cash of S. B. Scott	380 04
Oct. 4.	Cash of S. B. Scott	383 79
Oct. 8.	Cash of G. W. Sanderson	75 00
Oct. 25.	Cash of S. B. Scott	1105 22
Oct. 25.	Cash of Louis Rome, li- cense	6 00
Oct. 26.	Cash of S. B. Scott	266 00
Oct. 28.	Cash of S. B. Scott	453 68
Oct. 28.	Cash of S. B. Scott	503 73
Nov. 1.	Cash of S. B. Scott	3200 91
Nov. 2.	Cash of S. B. Scott	766 43
Nov. 2.	Cash of Ayer Bank, town note	2000 00
Nov. 4.	Cash of S. B. Scott	399 76
Dec. 4.	Cash of S. B. Scott	200 94
Dec. 10.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, corpora- tion tax	697 86
Dec. 10.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bank tax	172 61
Dec. 10.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State aid	638 00

Dec. 10.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, paupers	\$10 00
Dec. 10.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, burial fees	35 00
Dec. 20.	Cash of City of Fitchburg	91 00
Dec. 20.	Cash of City of Lynn	60 50
Dec. 23.	Cash of G. W. Sanderson	131 18
Dec. 30.	Cash of S. B. Scott	344 52
Dec. 30.	Cash of Ayer Bank, town note	1000 00
Dec. 30.	Cash of International Trust Co.	242 32
Dec. 30.	Cash of Geo. L. Wright, share for superintendent	357 14
1900.		
Jan. 3.	Cash of G. W. Sanderson	6 50
Jan. 3.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts	13 87
Jan. 11.	Cash of S. B. Scott	132 67
Jan. 26.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, poor	206 93
Jan. 26.	Cash of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, school fund	394 38
Feb. 1.	Cash of County Treasurer, dog fund	157 14
Feb. 1.	Cash of Alvin Lawton, li- cense	1 00
Feb. 1.	Cash of City of Boston	124 80
		<hr/> \$23,111 24

EXPENDITURES.

Paid outstanding orders of March 1,	
1899	\$812 61
March orders	650 05
April orders	811 87
May orders	\$1735 44
June orders	945 81
July orders	1415 25
August orders	787 03
September orders	829 76
October orders	2115 50
November orders	8376 14
December orders	1410 63
1900.	
Paid January orders	2040 82
February orders	961 33
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	\$22,892 24
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Cash on hand	\$219 00

HENRY EDGARTON,

SHIRLEY, March 1, 1900.

TREASURER.

POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SHIRLEY:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report of the number of arrests made by me during the period I have been on regular duty as police officer:

Whole number of arrests 26

Drunkenness	8
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Violation liquor law	10
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AUDITORS' REPORT.

SHIRLEY, March 16, 1900.

To the Citizens of Shirley:

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March 1, 1900, and find them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for money paid out.

MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
JOHN E. L. HAZEN,

AUDITORS.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

MARRIAGES IN 1899.

Residence Shirley when not given.

- Jan. 18. Alton LaForest Cole,
Rhoda E. Duby.
- Feb. 4 Charles Miller Peterson,
Mary Peterson.
- Feb. 11. Barney Bodah,
Florence Bangs.
- Mar. 13. Edward B. Felch,
Lillian F. Wade, Bellows Falls, Vt.
- Mar. 29. Harry B. Divoll, Leominster,
Eva S. Taylor.
- April 11. Lewis Boucher,
Angeligne Lecuyer.
- April 11. Louis Mushrall,
Exilda Lambert.
- May 10. Thomas L. Eldredge,
Alice E. Foote.
- May 29. Lester A. Fitts,
Altie Fairbanks.
- June 3. John W. Slocum,
Annie Chandonnett.
- June 14. Stanley W. Powell,
Etta A. Maddocks, Washington, Me.
- June 20. John Neat,
Clara Arlen, Ayer.
- June 28. Charles W. Labarre, Rockingham, Vt.,
Emmie A. Thayer.

- July 30. Charles Stebbins,
Maggie Maloney.
- Aug. 19. George A. Devarney,
Mary Elmer.
- Sept. 6. George A. Stevens, Fitchburg,
Lina R. Selig.
- Sept. 28. Joseph A. Buxton, Smithfield, R. I.,
Katie Dyer.
- Oct. 2. Charlie Gionet,
Mary Gionet.
- Oct. 7. John E. Rogers, Brattleboro, Vt.,
Aldine L. Wright, Orange.
- Nov. 5. Alexander Bulger,
Melinda Cyr.
- Nov. 23. George H. Adams,
Josephine Rogers, Nashua, N. H.
- Nov. 25. Alexander Duby,
Rachel Main.

BIRTHS.

Forty-three births have been registered — nineteen males and twenty-four females.

DEATHS IN 1899.

Birthplace Shirley when not given.

			YRS.	MOS	DYS.
Jan.	8.	William H. Alsopp, Acton		3	12
Jan.	15.	Homer Wilson, Torrington, Conn.	53	4	
Jan.	22.	Ellen M. White	56	8	
Jan.	28.	Helen D. Miner		7	
Feb.	5.	Lewis O. La Valley, Canada	20	4	
Feb.	11.	Wenton B. Masters, Nova Scotia	59	4	29

		YRS.	MOS.	DYS.
Feb. 15.	Patrick Mitchell, Ireland	78		
Feb. 18.	E. Winslow Russell, Harvard	67	10	9
Mar. 19.	Thomas H. Burnley, England	69		17
Mar. 19.	Daniel E. Kane, Ireland	32	11	
April 26.	Edward E. Nickerson, Chatham	64	6	23
May 11.	Abigail T. Humes, Bakersfield, Vt.	73	10	8
May 27.	Stillborn.			
June 17.	Jerry E. Genoit	1	4	17
June 28.	Joseph Bastine, Canada	65		
June 29.	Sidney W. Benjamin, Ashburn- ham	66	1	4
Aug. 2.	Harriet A. Prouty, Spencer	88	7	20
Aug. 5.	Edward E. Devarney		2	
Aug. 17.	Mathew F. Mullaney, Boston		3	
Aug. 17.	Stillborn			
Aug. 24.	Oscar Sidelow			12
Sept. 9.	Mary Bodah, 6 hrs.			
Oct. 6.	Edith Simmons, Hollis, N. H.	5		
Nov. 7.	Arthur Picard, Canterbury, N. H.	36		
Nov. 8.	Margaret Boucher, Canada	69		
Nov. 10.	Henry Boucher	12		23
Nov. 27.	Edward Gionet	1	6	
Dec. 28.	Mary Holden, Pepperell	86	3	23

Seventy-five dogs have been registered from May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900.

Amount of fees received, \$177.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

*To Jonas Longley, Clerk of the Town of Shirley,
in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, you are hereby required by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Postoffice in Shirley, and a like copy in the Postoffice in Shirley Village, eight days at least before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to warn all the legal voters of said Town, to assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes on one ballot, for a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, and three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Treasurer, one School Committee for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two Auditors, three Constables; also, to vote Yes or No on the question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town. The polls will be open at ten

o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, and may be closed at three o'clock P. M. of said day. Also to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, and the poor, highways and bridges, fire department, enforcement of law, interest on notes, library, cemeteries, Memorial Day, street lights, salary of officers, transportation of library books, repairs to Town House and all necessary and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to the collection of taxes.

ART. 6. To see if the town will fix the salary of the Tax Collector or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept or alter the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to prepare a division of the town into convenient voting precincts in accordance with Sec.

163 of Chap. 548, Acts of 1898, and the acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of transporting voters from Shirley Village to the Town House or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to build a row of horse sheds near to the Town House, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to place two catch basins on Chapel street or act thereon.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take relative to the dissolution of the existing school union with the towns of Harvard, Bolton and Boylston or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of school committee to six or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow the sum of fourteen thousand dollars to pay the floating indebtedness of the town or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to elect a Tree Warden in accordance with Chap. 330, Acts of 1899 or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote adopted at the special town meeting held May 7th, 1892, wherein were designated the officers to be chosen by ballot, by the addition of the words "and a Tree Warden for one year."

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to cause a drain to be laid across Summer Street, so called, from a point near the house occupied by Charles Sargent over land of the estate of John Parsons, deceased, to the Fredonian Mill Pond, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor or act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen at or before said meeting.

Given under our hand at Shirley, this sixth day of March, A. D., 1900.

D. CHESTER PARSONS,
JOHN W. FARRAR,
JACOB P. HAZEN,

SELECTMEN OF SHIRLEY.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF SMIRLEY
FOR THE
YEAR 1899-1900.

AYER, MASS.
HUNTLEY S. TURNER, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1900.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1899.

AMOS N. SOMERS (Resigned).

MRS. MARY M. NICKLESS (Appointed). Term expires
1900.

HENRY EDGARTON. Term expires 1901.

W. H. WILBUR. Term expires 1902.

ORGANIZATION.

HENRY EDGARTON, Chairman.

AMOS N. SOMERS, Secretary.

Superintendent and Supply Agent, CHARLES L. CLAY.

Residence, Harvard, Mass.

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

MUSIC—ALICE M. LAIRD.

Residence, Worcester, Mass.

DRAWING—EMILY L. HAINES.

Residence, Townsend, Mass.

Truant Officers.

WILLIAM H. CROSSMAN.

HERBERT LAWRENCE.

SCHOOL REPORT.

ASSETS.

Appropriations	\$3650 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, superintendent	357 14	
Longley Fund	235 38	
Parker Fund	192 26	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, school fund	394 38	
County Treasury, dog fund	157 14	
	<hr/>	\$4986 30
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due two-thirds year superin- tendent, 8-28th of \$1250.00		\$238 30

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	\$2372 80	
Janitors	244 13	
Repairs	444 54	
Supplies	357 42	
Fuel	271 58	
Tuition	120 00	
Incidentals	458 32	
Superintendent	321 43	
	<hr/>	\$4590 22

ITEMS.

TEACHERS.

Frank H. Dame	\$236 00	
Abbie McNiff	311 40	
Grace M. Kilburn	306 00	
Ida C. Hartwell	343 50	
Lura A. White	327 00	
Jennie R. Sanborn	400 50	
Mabel B. Ayers	63 00	
S. Ellen Brown	187 50	
Abbie W. Green	17 85	
Alice M. Laird, music	70 05	
Emily L. Haines, drawing	110 00	
Charles L. Clay, superintendent	321 43	
	<hr/>	\$2694 23

FUEL.

Conant Bros. & Co.	\$211 83	
T. L. Hazen,	30 00	
E. L. White	1 75	
Samuel Farnsworth	20 00	
Stephen Cary, sawing wood	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$271 58

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. H. Crossman, truants	\$26 25
S. B. Scott, carriage	8 80
E. B. Fairchild, transportation of scholars	70 00
E. A. Jenkins, transportation of schol- ars	82 00

J. C. Neat, transportation of scholars	\$117 00	
H. Parker, legal services in Somers'		
case	100 00	
J. C. Ayers, land	12 00	
D. C. Parsons, expenses in Somers'		
case	37 50	
W. H. Cram, teaming	2 50	
D. C. Parsons, deed and record	2 27	
Town of Ayer, tuition	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$578 32

REPAIRS.

W. H. Brown	\$37 83	
W. H. Crossman	146 79	
O. D. Cass & Co.	159 87	
C. H. Kennison	1 00	
Theophile Lambert	30 00	
G. M. Ballou	30 39	
J. C. Ayers	4 25	
R. M. Priest	1 10	
Conant Bros. & Co.	17 06	
P. Fanion	30	
Fitchburg R. R., freight	4 43	
Wm. McCool	75	
National Express	15	
C. H. Parmenter	6 60	
Baker-Ricketson Co.	1 65	
J. W. Farrar	1 12	
N. A. Holden	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$444 54

JANITOR.

W. H. Crossman	\$202 00
H. C. Owens	4 00
F. W. Hodgdon	9 00
A. N. Somers	4 93

Annie M. Fuller, cleaning	\$1 20	
Alice Dawborn	5 40	
Mrs. Fred Bruce, cleaning	2 70	
Mrs. L. E. Holden, cleaning	2 90	
M. W. Cary	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$244 13

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

American Book Co.	\$35 23	
J. C. Ayers	10	
E. E. Babb & Co.	5 75	
Educational Publishing Co.	12 92	
Fitchburg R. R. Co.	3 61	
National Express	3 00	
Ginn & Co.	7 46	
J. L. Hammett Co.	142 25	
D. C. Heath & Co.	9 06	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	4 08	
Geo. S. King & Co.	13 50	
The Morse Co.	27 86	
Prang Educational Co.	5 20	
Puritan Publishing Co.	1 50	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	31 85	
A. N. Somers	1 52	
W. H. Wheeler & Co.	1 60	
C. L. Clay	14 61	
Wm. Sargent	16 57	
Thomson, Brown & Co.	2 70	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	90	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	3 13	
F. H. Cook & Co.	1 00	
H. O. Peasley	8 07	
Conant Bros. & Co.	3 95	
	<hr/>	\$357 42

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee:

In accordance with requiring law and established custom, I submit my fifth report as Superintendent of the Schools of Shirley for the year ending March 1, 1900.

STATISTICS.

Population, census 1895	1,399
Valuation, 1899	\$765,513
Number of schoolhouses	6
Number of schoolhouses occupied	4
Number of schools	6
Number of terms of school	3
Number of different teachers employed	7
Children between ages of 5 and 15, Sept. 1, 1899	238
Expense of supplies per pupil, based on enrol- ment	\$ 89
Same based on average membership	1 05
The same throughout the State	1 52
Cost of Shirley's share of Superintendent	71 43

PASSING EVENTS.

In a small town like ours every changing circumstance and passing event connected with the schools and other local concerns finds its way to most of the citizens through the public prints; a record of the details of school interests is mainly of importance only for future reference, or for

the benefit of those who, though removed from "the scenes of their childhood," are still pleased to know what is transpiring therein.

The work of the year has been broken in upon very seriously by the prevalence of measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, severe colds, etc. In November the schools at the villages were closed for four weeks by order of the Board of Health.

The detriment to our schools which arises from changing teachers has not been so great as usual, as the changes have been fewer than usual. During the spring term the teachers were the same as were employed at the time of your last report, with the exception of the one at the Center School, to which the East School with its teachers was united.

At the beginning of the fall term the same corps of teachers was present. The increased number of pupils at the village necessitated the reopening of No. 8, to which Miss Kilburn with her school was transferred, and Miss McNiff was placed in charge of the Second Primary, her school at the North being united with the Center School.

The work opened auspiciously in September, and never with more promise of success since I have been connected with you. The first "break" came with the resignation of Mr. Dame at the end of the sixth week. Miss S. Ellen Brown, a teacher of large experience and excellent reputation, had barely been installed when an accident to Miss Hartwell of the Intermediate necessitated putting in a substitute; only two and one-half days passed before the enforced vacation came, and the few actual cases of disease, and consequent alarms, after the schools reopened on Dec. 4, have kept the percentage of attendance low in every school. If we have no more interruptions, under the favorable conditions now existing, it is expected, by the end of the school year in June, that the several grades will be in fair position for the usual promotions.

IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

From a communication received from the State Board of Education, about a year ago, the following extract is made :

"The new school census (Chapter 496, Acts of 1898, Section 13) is to be taken for the first time in September, 1899. It is recommended that, in all towns and cities that do not already require it, school registers shall be opened and enrollment lists begun at that time, and that thereafter school attendance facts shall be determined for a school year beginning at that time. The attendance facts for a majority of the children in the schools are already determined for such a school year. * * *

"Money returns of school expenditures must be made up, as heretofore, from the fiscal years of the towns and cities, whatever those fiscal years may be. * * *"

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

Looking to a fuller development of the abilities of the children, you followed my advice in regard to instruction in the subjects of music and drawing, and during the year Miss Alice M. Laird has given lessons in music, and Miss Haines has continued her lessons in drawing, each once in two weeks alternately, and each also laying out the work to be done by the regular teachers in the interims. The arrangement of the sessions and reduced number of schools allow each room to receive the benefit of a full lesson from each of these special teachers during the day she is present in town. Marked improvement has been made in each subject, and both teachers enjoy the eager interest and helpful co-operation of all the pupils and their regular teachers. I do not know that anybody criticises the wisdom of the small expenditure which gives the children special instruction in these two branches of study, but sometimes drawing is called a needless and even a wasteful use of time. In

Massachusetts the day for argument in its favor has long since gone by.

"Drawing, when adopted as a legitimate study in the school curriculum, was considered chiefly from the standpoint of its industrial value. Its close connection with the bread and butter problem was the argument for its introduction. Gradually it has passed from its utilitarian aims to a higher usefulness, that of creating spiritual power. Previously it had trained the hand and the eye; it had developed the mind. It must now awaken the soul. It may be questioned whether this is too high an aim for a public school education. Surely a harmonious development is desired. To give healthful exercise to every faculty, to stir the best energies for good, to develop an appreciation of that which is highest and most beautiful, and thus to lift the child above the hard drudgery of life, this, it seems to me, leads to true culture."—Superintendent's Report, New Bedford, 1898.

"In all grades, flowers and plant forms are painted in their colors. This gives the pupils the study of nature, drill in correct drawing, and the study of color. Their love for flowers and nature in general is increased, which does the child a world of good, for it refines his nature, and puts him nearer the maker of nature's beauty. Whittier has said:

'O, painter of the fruits and flowers !
We thank thee for thy wise design
Whereby these human hands of ours
In nature's garden work with thine.'

—Superintendent's Report, Fitchburg, 1898.

Mr. Henry S. Bailey in his report upon art instruction in some of the elementary schools of Europe (State Superintendent's Report, 1897-1898, p. 306) says: "My second impression is that art instruction in the public schools of London is five years behind our own, in Paris ten, in Ber-

lin fifteen, in Rome twenty. * * * Nowhere except in the United States has the ideal *of an art instruction of the entire people for the sake of a larger life* taken possession of the leaders. We believe that art instruction, with all that it includes, should be disciplining, that it should prepare the way for the arts and crafts, that it should furnish a new language, but we believe also that it should add grace to precision, combine tact with power, and enrich the prose of life with the poetry of eternal beauty."

A HIGH SCHOOL.

By an Act of the Legislature, approved June 2, 1898, the State requires each town, however small, to either support a high school of its own or to make adequate provisions for educating its high school pupils in the high school of another city or town. The substance of the law is as follows :

1. The school shall be adequately equipped and kept by a teacher of competent ability and good morals.

2. Instructions shall be in such subjects as are required for the general purpose of training and culture, and such as will prepare pupils for admission to State Normal Schools, Technical Schools and Colleges.

3. It shall maintain one or more courses of study, at least four years in length, and shall continue forty weeks at least, each year.

4. A town may, if it chooses, meet only a portion of the foregoing requirements in its own high school, *provided*, that it shall make adequate provisions for meeting the rest of said requirements in the high school of another town or any city.

Some of our parents are asking me, why we cannot have a high school course of two years at least. They feel that besides the expense of car fares, the physical and moral effect of going away from home each day on the train, is

not salutary upon boys and girls, espically of 14 to 16 years of age.

Your superintendent does not possess the power for instituting a high school, and my reply to parents has been that they must interest the voters and taxpayers of the town in the matter. It will be borne in mind, that in my first report, it was recommended that provisions in the new school building should be made for the needs of a possible high school. We are now paying the tuition in outside high schools of some thirteen pupils, and there are some others beyond the grammar grade who would doubtless continue their studies if an opportunity were afforded at home. Our population is likely to increase and more school accommodations at the village are likely to be needed before long. It may be well for the town to consider whether to meet the conditions imposed upon it by the state, for the best interests of both the town and its pupils of high school grades, it may not be expedient to finish and furnish a room on the second floor of the new building, and educate its high school pupils for the first two years of their course. Such a room might also accommodate the Ninth Grade of the Grammar School, and room be thus provided for an increase of fifteen to twenty-five pupils beyond what we can now take care of.

ATTENDANCE.

Our attendance, aside from that produced by contagious disease, which causes alarm and often unnecessary fear, with consequent absence of pupils, is below what it should be. There can be no solid excuse for the large number of tardy cases, which are occasioned by pupils living largely within ten minutes' walk of the schools attended. I earnestly bespeak the co-operation of parents, and all interested in having the best schools possible, in endeavoring to overcome this serious defect. The "public opinion" and "school sentiment" of each room ought to be so prominent

in maintaining a high standard as to act as a strong corrective of this matter.

The following table shows the percentage of attendance in each school for the several months of the school year :

SCHOOLS.	April.	May.	June.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
First Primary	94	95	82	92	89		72	83	83
Second Primary	96	96	79	93	91		75	90	94
Third Primary				94	87		79	86	86
Intermediate	94	93	73	91	94		75	88	92
Grammar	93	87	92	93	98		90	90	89
North	98	96	81						
Center	91	92	88	91	90	74	96	92	80

SICKNESS AND DEATH.

So many of the pupils were sick in June that it was deemed unwise to hold the school exhibition and festival, as we had planned. The year has been marked by an unusual mortality.

Intermediate School.

November 12, 1899, Henry Boucher, aged 12 years.

Second Primary.

January 2, 1900, Otto Badstubner, aged 9 years.

First Primary.

February 3, 1900, Myrtle McIntyre, aged 5 years.

CONCENTRATION.

Acting for what seemed the best interests of the pupils in the three ungraded and small outlying schools, a trial has been made during the year of conveying the pupils of

the east and north parts of the town to the center. The East School of eight pupils was combined with the Center during the spring term. The results proved so satisfactory that the North School eight pupils were brought to the Center at the beginning of the fall term. For the last term all the children of school age in the north and east parts of the town have been conveyed, seven from the former and eight from the latter. With perhaps one exception, no pupil in either of these sections lives over one and one-half miles from the Center School, and there is no farm at a greater distance from the Center School than are many farms of Massachusetts in towns where the boundary lines of old districts still remain. So many entrance children belonging to the center district appeared in September that the combined enrolment of the three schools made more pupils than the teacher could handle to the best advantage, and Miss Mabel B. Ayers was employed to assist during the forenoons. If the school should increase much more, it would probably be best to divide the present schoolroom into two, or else partition off a part of the room into a primary recitation room; or what in my judgment would be of much greater benefit to the pupils of VI grade and above, convey them to the village Grammar School, and make the Center School, as long as it is so largely composed of so young children, virtually a primary school. I think this could be done with the same, if not at a less expense, than that of the past year.

I can not speak as a parent having children carried from the north and east to the center, but from my observation, and as an officer of the town, conscientiously seeking the best interests of the town, and especially of the children directly concerned, this first trial of uniting three weak schools into one strong in numbers is proving successful and satisfactory. The care, comfort and convenience with which the children have been carried by those having the matter in charge has largely contributed to this success

and satisfaction. I feel that the carriers you have employed have done well, and won deserved approbation.

SUPERVISION.

The fifth year of my care of the schools as supervisor has been designed to be characterized by a renewed effort to make the supervision more beneficial to the school and pupils. Beginning with the full term, throughout the district no teachers' meetings are being held; instead, such suggestions as I wish to make in general, and an outline of the work to be attempted each month, have regularly been sent to the teachers in writing. This method has some advantages over the former plan.

The written work and all papers of each pupil have been kept for my inspection from visit to visit, and for the benefit of those wishing to see the daily occupation of the children. This plan is also proving beneficial, as it gives a better opportunity to observe the methods in use by pupils and teachers, affords a chance to suggest corrections in individual cases, and also acts as a constant incentive for good work on the part of each pupil.

From these examinations of work, I have frequently selected specimens and shown in the other schools of the district—specimens which are worthy of imitation, or which sometimes show effects of bad teaching and errors to be avoided. Competition is as good for schools as for business.

PICTOGRAMS.

"The teacher wants you to bring the pictures! She will be sending for the chairs next," was the exclamation of a mother upon the misinterpretation of her child's remark.

Aside from the mere adornment of the walls of school-rooms, pictures are coming to be an important factor in the presentation of subjects of study. Most children's

literature, magazines, railroad guides, posters, advertising matter, and even the daily news, abound in illustrations which are creditable works of pictographic art, and are especially helpful in the study of history and geography. Some of our schools arrange sheets or "booklets" of pictures, which characterize a month, or some particular day, as February 22, or historic trees, famous buildings, scenes in some particular country, or associated with some locality, as Salem, or some subject of history, as the Puritans. To such an extent has the reproduction of works of art and pictures of noted persons, places and objects of interest been carried, that there is hardly anything the whole world round which has not come within the focus of the camera or been sketched by the pencil of the artist.

Probably more pictures have found their way into our schoolrooms during the last ten years than during all the previous history of public education. I predict that in the near future sets of pictures illustrating and illuminating subjects of study will be as regularly supplies to schools as are text books and pencils. To see with the eye, as well as to hear with the ear, gives a double interest, and frequently occasions more than a doubly clear understanding of the object we are studying.

PROMOTIONS.

In a town where so many parents send their children to school simply because the law requires it, and only wait for the limit of school age that they may put their children at work, the matter of promotions and doing the best possible good to such children has to be considered. Then, if some pupil can pass the examination required for entrance to the high school at the age of fourteen, and at the end of the seventh grade, some other pupil older in years, perhaps, and not so proficient in his studies asks the town authorities to grant him a certificate to enter the same school, and frequently the parents of such pupils are ready to severely

criticise everybody and everything connected with our schools, if their demands are not granted irrespective of the personal equation in the matter. In regard to the first class referred to above, it should be borne in mind that children are entering our schools every term who cannot speak a word of English, and do not learn our language at their homes. If we were to hold our pupils strictly to grade, many of them would not get through the primary grades before they were fourteen, and our lower schools would be overcrowded, and the upper grades small, as is even now the case. In the matter of promotions, the main question to be considered, I think, is what is for the best interest of this pupil, who probably will be in school nine, seven, five, or only three years.

In regard to the latter class, it ought to be kept in mind that the value of a high school course depends largely upon a pupil's preparation for it, both as to book knowledge and degree of mental development; this does not depend at all primarily upon a child's age. It is the almost universal opinion and custom in towns having ungraded schools, during about nine months a year, to require nine years of work in the elementary schools in order to prepare for entrance upon high school work. Shirley boys and girls are just as bright and proficient as those of other towns, but not more so particularly; at least it can safely be asserted that our scholars cannot do well in seven or eight years, what those of other towns can do only in nine or ten years. One criticism against our modern school system is that the children are pushed along too rapidly, but my experience has been that the pushing has come mainly from demands of parents themselves. While I remain as your superintendent, without prejudice in favor or against any pupil in whatever part of our town residing, my influence will be given to the promotion of our scholars as fast as in my judgment their individual interests will be advanced.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The growth and advancement of our schools from year to year may seem small and unimportant, but a comparison of our schools and their surroundings with what they were five years ago shows an aggregate gain in this short period of marked improvement. It is with a feeling of real satisfaction that I briefly note the changes, for if there was a town in Middlesex County where school accommodations were so poor as ours in 1895, I do not know of it.

I. The erection and equipment of a fine two-room schoolhouse for grammar and intermediate grades, at a cost of some \$6000.

II. The reflooring, reseating, painting, etc., of the old schoolhouse and No. 8, for the primary grades; and the same except painting of the house at the Center, together with moving and repairing of the out-house.

III. The consolidation of the three outlying small schools, whereby, not only will greater benefits come to the children attending the concentrated schools, but also the saving of quite a few dollars.

IV. Great improvement in the equipment, care, and attraction of *every* schoolroom in use.

V. A better grading, and consequently more efficient system in the village schools especially.

VI. The supplies kept in one of the school buildings in an available room, and under the care of the superintendent, with a saving to the town of a small sum each year.

VII. The change from slant to vertical writing, the introduction of newer and much better geographies, quite an extended amount and variety of supplementary reading matter, the word system of reading, and some of the latest books for regular readers.

VIII. The money annually spent for a singing teacher

has been divided between a special teacher in music and one in drawing, much to the advantage of the pupils.

IX. Our teachers and school officials are more desirous to be "up to date" in methods, and are more anxious to have Shirley schools as good as possible.

X. There is (in common with the school spirit of towns about us) "a more pronounced demand for teachers trained to teach and skilled to discipline, with a finer art of governing and a deeper love and sympathy for the child."

All of these things are matters of great interest to every citizen of our town; of encouragement to those who have helped promote them and make them possible; of appreciation by the children who have and are enjoying them, however unconsciously they may seem to do so. With all the cost of money and adverse criticism, is there one who would really wish to return to the conditions and surroundings of five years ago?

RELATION OF SUPERINTENDENT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

From the fifty-ninth annual report of the Massachusetts Board of Education the following is given as the relations sustained by the Superintendent to the

(1) *School Committee.*

"He is the executive head or agent of the School Committee. It is the province of the committee to legislate, to give a candid consideration and final decision on the general policy to be pursued. It is the province of the superintendent to study every phase of education, to suggest to the committee what, in his judgment, he thinks for the best interest of the schools, and, after decision of the committee, to execute their wishes. He keeps the committee well informed on the actual and comparative condition and needs of the schools, freely and conscientiously recommending changes where improvements are needed. He is

their professional leader, and makes his influence felt on all questions pertaining to the welfare of the schools."

(2) *To the Pupils.*

"The Superintendent sees that the schools are provided with everything necessary to the bodily health and comfort of pupils, as well as with every appliance for their instruction. He assists in examining, classifying and promoting pupils from time to time, and by his discriminating oversight prevents the machinery of school organization from losing all individuality. Proper gradation and frequent promotions lead to increased interest and better attendance. He encourages pupils to be prompt and regular at school, and to this end sees that truant officers do their duty. He excites the ambition of pupils to obtain a good education, and as a result the attendance in grammar and high schools is greatly increased."

(3) *To the Parents and the Public.*

"The Superintendent often renders the schools invaluable service by interesting the people—the fathers and mothers, taxpayers and voters—in their present condition and needed improvements. He gains their attention and support by frequent teachers' meetings, where all interested can learn of what is being attempted, and of modern education, its purpose, means and methods; * * * by school exhibitions, where some of the more tangible results of school work can be displayed; by arranging special visiting days, where the regular daily work of the schools can be observed; by providing monthly and yearly reports of pupils' work and progress for the inspection of parents. * * *

"Again, he often acts the part of intermediary in settling differences and misunderstandings between parents and children on the one hand and teachers on the other. Educational machinery will always work with greater ease

and efficiency if the cogs, wheels and bearings are kept well oiled."

THE EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Secretary Hill of the Massachusetts State Board of Education sets forth its larger features, to which I desire to call the earnest consideration of the people of Shirley. He says :

"The ideals of this policy are substantially the following:

"1. Education is more than an individual, family or school district interest—it concerns the town and the State.

"2. The schools do not exist to furnish places for the relatives and friends of the appointing power or for the residents of a locality—they exist for the welfare of the children and the community.

"3. The supreme need of any school is that of the thoroughly competent and wise teacher.

"4. No pains should be spared by the State to train teachers for their responsible work.

"5. School buildings should be the highest expression of sanitary and educational wisdom, as well as of civic pride.

"6. The avenues of ascent through the schools, even to the college doors, should be open and free to the poorest child. Secondary as well as elementary education should therefore be fostered.

"7. The prosperity of the State, materially, politically, morally, is vitally related to the prosperity of the schools.

"8. It is the right of children to have their childhood reserved for its natural employments—play, recreation, schooling, and such lighter forms of work as children can do without loss of childhood's privileges. Thrusting them prematurely into factory life or any life akin to that is an abuse of children, and an injury to the State not to be tolerated.

"9. Habitual absenteeism or truancy works harm both to the child and to the State, and should be stopped.

"10. The smallest and poorest towns should have good schooling, as well as the largest and wealthiest.

"11. The State should insist in its laws on such schooling.

"12. The main dependence of the schools for support should be local taxation.

"13. Where local taxation goes as far as it ought, and yet fails to provide money enough to insure good schools, the State should aid in securing the needed efficiency.

"14. By as much as human minds and souls transcend in value the products of human hands, by so much does the need of the schools for competent supervision transcend the need of the factory. No sane corporation would let its workshop drift, and no sane community should let its schools drift, without a directing and unifying head.

"The list might be extended. Mann, Sears, Boutwell, White and Dickinson have never wavered in presenting these ideals to the people. There is not one of them which has not been realized, in a measure, in the school history of the State; not one of them which has not, in a measure, been sinned against; and not one of them, therefore, which the people can afford to drop from earnest thought."

I wish to again make record of my feeling of appreciation and sympathetic co-operation on the part of every one who has been engaged in or is interested in promoting the welfare of the schools of Shirley.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. CLAY,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Of Bolton, Boylston, Harvard and Shirley.

HARVARD, March 3, 1900.

The foregoing report of the Superintendent was accepted by the School Committee and adopted as their report for the year.

HENRY EDGARTON,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

SHIRLEY, MARCH 6, 1900.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1899-1900.

(The figures show the number of terms perfect in attendance)

FIRST PRIMARY.

Richard Weeks, 1	Etta Dippman, 1
Guy McIntyre, 1	Gordon McIntyre, 1
	Elmer Harlow, 1

SECOND PRIMARY.

Louise Devarney, 1	Robert Gately, 1
Otto Badstubner, 1	Joseph Bruso, 1
David Lambert, 1	Annie Theilig, 1
	Bertha Weeks, 1

THIRD PRIMARY.

Fred Dippman, 1	Fred Lambert, 1
Mamie Conners, 1	Willie Conners, 1

INTERMEDIATE.

George Wilson, 3	Clara Peneseau, 2
Ralph Wheeler, 1	Rodney Brown, 1
Bertha Baer, 1	Frank Gordon, 1
John McCool, 2	Annie McCool, 1
Clifford Felch, 1	Leo Megan, 1
Leo O'Neil, 1	Agnes Simmard, 1
Gertrude O'Neil, 1	Angeline Burno, 1
Paula Badstubner, 1	Mary Hegerty, 1
	Eva O'Neil, 1

GRAMMAR.

Ezekiel J. Wilson, 1	Evelyn C. Miner, 1
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CENTER.

Ruth M. Graves, 1	Helen M. Mellish, 1
Ralph O. Jenkins, 1	George H. Farmer, 2
Howard M. Longley, 1	Edith P. Longley, 1
Herman E. Willis, 1	Christine G. Longley, 1

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

By permission of the School Committee I was allowed to purchase books of reference, maps, and other equipments for the village schools to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be taken from the Longley Fund. These special supplies were distributed as follows:

Grammar School	\$52 11	
Intermediate	3 47	
Third Primary	1 61	
Second Primary	1 50	
First Primary	25 46	
	<hr/>	\$84 15

Regular supplies have been distributed as follows:

Grammar School	\$51 31	
Intermediate	34 45	
Third Primary	27 52	
Second Primary	28 46	
First Primary	16 38	
Center	47 26	
North (spring term)	7 29	
	<hr/>	\$212 67

This is an average of a little less than one dollar per pupil, while the average per pupil throughout the state was (1898-9) \$1.52.

SUPPLY AGENT'S ACCOUNT.

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To supplies on hand March 1, 1899	\$ 34 99	
To all supplies purchased	322 71	
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By special distribution	\$84 15	
By regular distribution	212 67	
By cash for book sold	80	
By supplies on hand March 1	60 08	
	<hr/>	\$357 70

CHAS. L. CLAY, *Supply Agent.*

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1899-1900.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WHEN APPOINTED.	WHERE EDUCATED.	SALARY.
First Primary,	Laura A. White	Sept. 1891	Framingham Normal	\$ { 9 00 10 00
Second Primary,	{ Grace M. Kilburn	Aug. 1897	Fitchburg Normal	9 00
	{ Abbie M. McNiff	June 1899	Fitchburg Normal	9 00
Third Primary,	Grace M. Kilburn	June 1899	Fitchburg Normal	9 00
Intermediate,	Ida A. Hartwell	Aug. 1898	Fitchburg Normal	{ 11 00 10 50
Grammar,	{ Frank H. Dame	Nov. 1897	Bridgewater Normal	{ 13 00 12 50
	{ S. Ellen Brown	Oct. 1899		12 50
North,	* Abbie M. McNiff	Jan. 1899	Fitchburg Normal	9 00
Center,	{ Jennie K. Sanborn	Aug. 1898	Salem Normal	10 50
	{ Mabel B. Ayers, asst.	Oct. 1898		3 00

*Spring Term.

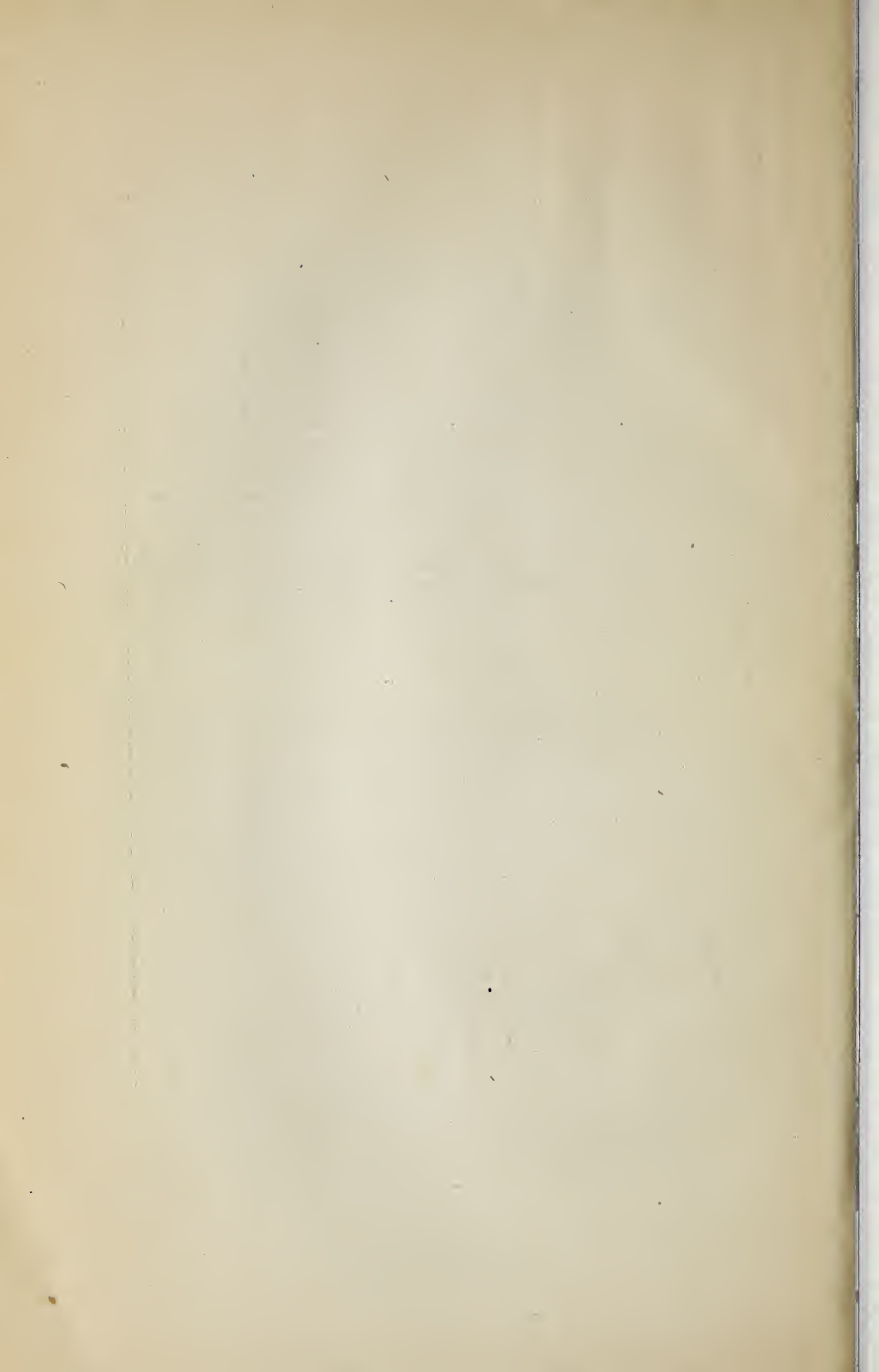
SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 3, 1900.

SCHOOLS.	Grades.	Weeks of School.	Pupils enrolled. ¹	Total membership. ¹	Average membership. ¹	Average attendance. ¹	Percent of attendance. ¹	Pupils under 5. ¹	Pupils bet. 5 and 15. ¹	Pupils bet. 7 and 14. ¹	Pupils over 15. ¹	Half-days of absence.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by others.
First Primary,	1	34	56	42	39	33.	85	0	56	18	0	1973	56	28	5	20	37
Second Primary,	2	34	39	35	34	31.	91	0	39	34	0	1187	27	35	5	22	31
Third Primary, ³	3-4	22	41	37	35	30.	86	0	41	41	0	949	83 ¹	23 ¹	0	17	9
Intermediate,	5-6	34	38	36	33	29.	88	0	38	36	0	1349	133	28	3	28	15
Grammar,	7-9	34	34	32	29	26.5	91	0	30	27	4	956	175	74	4	26	43
North,	1-7	12										64	0	8	0	7 ²	5
Center,	1-7	36	35	34	31	29.	93	0	35	25	0	860	163	29	0	22	26
Totals,	1-9	206	240	216	201	178.5	89	0	239	181	4	7338	637	225	17	142	166
Totals 1898-99,	1-9	279	261		209.6	239.9	92	1	238	153	12	5943	678	325	38	200	257

1. Since Sept. 1, 1899, unless enrolled in some other school. 2. Spring term. 3. Two terms.

TABLE OF SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED, EXCEPT BOOKS.

SCHOOLS.	Pencils.	Pkg. Arithmetic Paper.	Pkg. White Practice.	Pkg. Manilla Practice.	Pkg. Composition Paper.	Composition Books.	Boxes of Pens.	Pen Holders.	Ink Powder.	Boxes of Crayons.	Rubber Erasers.	Rules.	Pkg. Drawing Paper.	Blotters.	Bottles of Mucilage.
First Primary,	240	4	3	21						3	6	6	2	48	1
Second Primary,	168	6	5	10	$\frac{1}{2}$		2		4	3	42	18	6	96	1
Third Primary, 2 terms	264	6	5	11	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	42	2	2	66	30	3	48	2
Intermediate,	348	17	9	8	$1\frac{1}{2}$	42	$2\frac{1}{2}$	30	11	3	126	48	4	60	3
Grammar,	288	28	5	6	2	60	2	24	5		84	42	3	96	
Center,	252	12	8	9		54	$1\frac{1}{2}$		3	2	48	18	6	78	3
North, one term,	36	1	1	1	1	9	$\frac{1}{2}$		1		6	9	1		





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